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1. Pazin - Freshly trained troops of the latest classes called up for service are being stationed at Pazin. Most of these troops arrived from the interior of Yugoslavia. It is expected that the strength of the Pazin garrison will eventually be 2,000 men.
2. Piran - In view of a further withdrawal of Yugoslav troops from the Yugoslav occupied zone of the Free Territory of Trieste, the Yugoslav authorities are making arrangements for the formation of fifth columns, whose members are composed of trustworthy and well-paid elements. One of these fifth columns is camouflaged by the activities of the New Naval Academy in Piran, attended by forty pupils who are too young to start on a new career, but old enough to become useful agents. These men are well-trained in the use of automatic arms, in guerrilla warfare, et cetera. Reports indicate that pupils of various schools or groups of clerks are kept under constant training in several centers of the Istrian region. Thus at Capodistria the "Ljaski Dom" has been opened where about 100 young Slovenes, between 16 and 18 years of age (who are assembled there from the interior of Yugoslavia), are undergoing training. At Portoroz a similar course, lasting three months, has been organized for accountants. At Buje, owing to the fact that there are no schools, a small association among State employees has been formed for the same purpose. All these employees come from the interior of Yugoslavia.

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